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 : VECTORS FOR IMPLEMENTING
 : SAME AND APPLICATIONS

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RESPONSE

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 Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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 (Signature)
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

(Version with markings to show changes to the claims)

Kindly cancel Claims 11, 21 and 22 without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

1. (Twice amended) A process for isolating an intact clone of one target nucleic acid fragment having a known characteristic, from a number of fragments, said ~~method-process being useful to isolate an intact nucleic acid fragment and diagnose genetic disease,~~ comprising:

- a) preparing an initial library of clones from said number of fragments using a vector containing no more than a pre-determined number of known restriction sites;